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WO9709596 was also cited in the Chinese Office Action but this patent publication is already of record in the subject application. In the heading of the Abstract of EP 0627716, DE 4312596 is stated to be an "equivalent." DE 4312596 was cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 17, 2001. Also, the German counterpart application No. 19723127 of the cited Australian application AU 199869854 was cited in the same Information Disclosure Statement.

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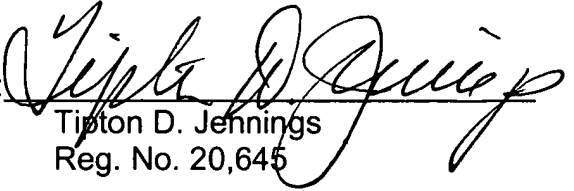
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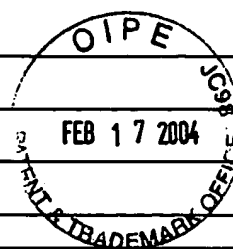

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